AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 47 (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

detecting a user in the vicinity of a television;

sending a presence indicator signal from a presence detector to a computer;

~~transmitting an activation signal from a presence detector to an interface unit connected in a series connection between a computer and a keyboard;~~

~~in response to the activation signal, receiving an identification signal at the presence detector, the identification signal comprising a user identifier that identifies a user associated with a transponder;~~

~~when the presence detector determines that the user is in the vicinity of a television, sending a presence indicator signal from the presence detector to the computer;~~

determining, by the computer, conflicting [[an]] actions to be taken based on the presence indicator signal and a source of the presence indicator signal;

retrieving a conflict resolution rule to determine which of the conflicting actions predominates; and

sending a predominate [[the]] action to the television.

49. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48, further comprising changing a channel associated with the television ~~launching an application in response to the user identifier~~.

50. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48, further comprising changing a volume associated with the television ~~launching an application based on a time of day and on the user identifier~~.

51. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48, further comprising retrieving ~~launching an application that retrieves~~ weather and traffic information.

52. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48, further comprising selecting a predominate user associated with at least one of the conflicting actions ~~denying access to the computer when an aggregate amount of access is exceeded~~.

53. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48, further comprising powering the television ~~requesting a refresh of a webpage~~.

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58. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor executing instructions stored in memory that cause the processor to:

detect multiple users in the vicinity of a television;

send multiple presence indicator signals from a presence detector to a computer, with each presence indicator signal identifying a user's identity;

determine conflicting actions to be taken based on each user's identity and on a source of each presence indicator signal;

retrieve a conflict resolution rule that specifies which user's identity predominates over other users' identities;

select a predominate action associated with the predominate user's identity; and

send the predominate action to the television

~~transmit an activation signal from a presence detector to an interface unit connected in a series connection between a computer and a keyboard;~~

~~in response to the activation signal, receive an identification signal at the presence detector, the identification signal comprising a user identifier that identifies a user associated with a transponder;~~

~~when the presence detector determines that the user is in the vicinity of a television, send a presence indicator signal from the presence detector to the computer;~~

~~query for a user profile associated with the user identifier;~~

~~access the user profile to determine an action to be taken based on the presence indicator signal and a source of the presence indicator signal;~~

~~send the action to the television;~~

~~send the user identifier to a presence database;~~

~~update the presence database to indicate the user is in the vicinity of the computer;~~

~~query the presence database for other user identifiers associated with the user identifier; and~~

~~communicate to the other user identifiers that the user is in the vicinity of the computer~~.

59. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to change a channel associated with the television ~~further comprising means for launching an application in response to the user identifier~~.

60. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to change a volume associated with the television ~~further comprising means for launching an application based on a time of day and on the user identifier~~.

61. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to query to determine which of the conflicting actions are to be taken ~~further comprising means for launching an application that retrieves weather and traffic~~

~~information~~.

62. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim [[5]]8 61, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to receive a response to the query ~~deny access to the computer when an aggregate amount of access is exceeded~~.

63. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to set a timer ~~refresh a webpage~~.

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68. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing processor executable instructions for performing a method, the method comprising:

detecting multiple users in the vicinity of a television;

sending multiple presence indicator signals from a presence detector to a computer, with each presence indicator signal identifying a user's identity;

determining conflicting actions to be taken based on each user's identity and on a source of each presence indicator signal;

retrieving a conflict resolution rule that specifies which user's identity predominates over other users' identities;

selecting a predominate action associated with the predominate user's identity; and

sending the predominate action to the television

~~transmitting an activation signal from a radio frequency reader to an interface unit connected in a series connection between a computer and a keyboard;~~

~~in response to the activation signal, receiving an identification signal at the radio frequency reader, the identification signal comprising a user identifier that identifies a user associated with a transponder;~~

~~when the radio frequency reader determines that the user is in the vicinity of the computer a television, sending a presence indicator signal from the radio frequency reader to the computer;~~

~~sending the action to the television;~~

~~querying for a user profile associated with the user identifier;~~

~~accessing the user profile to determine an action to be taken based on the presence indicator signal and a source of the presence indicator signal;~~

~~sending the user identifier to a presence database;~~

~~updating the presence database to indicate the user is in the vicinity of the computer;~~

~~querying the presence database for other user identifiers associated with the user identifier; and~~

~~communicating to the other user identifiers that the user is in the vicinity of the computer~~.

69. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for changing a channel associated with the television ~~launching an application in response to the user identifier~~.

70. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for changing a volume associated with the television ~~launching an application based on a time of day and on the user identifier~~.

71. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media according to claim 69, further comprising instructions for querying to determine which of the conflicting actions are to be taken ~~launching an application that retrieves weather and traffic information~~.

72. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media according to claim [[68]] 71, further comprising instructions for receiving a response to the query denying access to the computer when an aggregate amount of access is exceeded.

73. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for powering a stereo ~~refreshing a webpage~~.

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